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Farmworkers organize three-day strike

By Lyn Neeley

At 10:20 a.m. on July 10, some 500 community supporters responded to a Rapid Response Hotline alert by UndocuFund announcing that armored vehicles were heading toward migrant farmworkers at two southern California Glass House farms in Camarillo and Carpinteria, California.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and members of the National Guard descended on the farms. They used weapons and threats of deportation to terrorize the farmworkers — who work seven days a week raising tomatoes, cucumbers and legal cannabis — and their families.

Supporters were met with tear gas as they threw rocks and faced off against the troops. In what may be the largest anti-migrant operation since Trump took office in January, 361 people were detained during the raid and a migrant farmworker, Jaime Alanís, was killed while trying to escape.

The escalation in harassment and kidnappings of migrants follows an order by White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller, who has given the Department of Homeland Security a quota of 3,000 arrests of migrants per day.

The raids were the last straw for the southern California farmworkers, who responded immediately by organizing a three-day "Strike for Dignity" from July 16 to 18. (#Huelgaparaladignidad)

Farmworkers' demands, made at a press conference rally, were citizenship for migrant workers and an end to the illegal and inhumane ICE raids, roundups and deportations. They called on workers countrywide not to buy fruits and vegetables grown in California during the strike and to boycott companies that exploit and silence migrant farmworkers.

Farmworker representative Flor Martinez Zaragoza spoke to the crowd at the press conference, saying: "We are not criminals. We are the backbone of our food system, and we are tired of being treated like we are disposable." (tinyurl.com/45t6puae)

One farmworker told the crowd that he has paid his taxes for 19 years with the promise of a pathway to citizenship. He said farmworkers work every day, working all holidays including Christmas, and they worked straight through the Covid pandemic.

He said: "You citizens, I know you will not trade your workplace to pick up a blueberry bucket for $6. Garlic pays you $30 to fill a bin. The cherry, $6 a bucket. I don't think that with this heat you will be encouraged to do it. I got to see people die in the field. And nobody talks about that." (tinyurl.com/33jf4dhj)

The Service Employees Union has called for a "Summer of Resistance" and is backing the next immigrant strike called for August 12. "We need to send a strong message that this country runs on immigrants," said SEIU Local 721 Organizing Director Martin Manteca at an event announcing support for the strike. (seiu721.org) ☐

Protesters face off with National Guard troops during a federal immigration raid on Glass House Farms, Camarillo, California, July 12, 2025.

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

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Palestinian factions demand end to famine

The following statement summaries were posted July 18, 2025, on Resistance News Network.

Palestinian factions today (July 18) condemned the engineered famine in the Gaza Strip, declaring the systematic starvation of over two million Palestinians a deliberate crime against humanity and a weapon of war. The factions hold the Zionist entity, the United States, the European Union and complicit Arab regimes responsible for the deepening catastrophe.

The **Palestinian Mujahideen Movement** stated that the famine in Gaza is a "stain on the forehead of humanity" and a reflection of the silent international community. The movement described the policy of starvation as a form of cheap political blackmail aimed at breaking the will of the Palestinian people. It held the U.S. administration and international institutions fully responsible for the war crimes being committed and called on Arab and Islamic nations to take action to break the unjust siege.

Palestinian resistance factions

The **Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine** (PIJ) described the mass starvation and death in Gaza as an unprecedented and systematic policy of the "Nazi zionist entity," fully supported by the U.S. administration. PIJ condemned the hypocrisy of the international community and also held "submissive and complicit" Arab regimes responsible for enabling the siege while preventing food and medicine from reaching Gaza. The movement warned the people of the Arab and Islamic world that the enemy's project threatens the entire region and that their silence will not protect them.

The **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine** warned of an imminent humanitarian catastrophe and mass death, holding the European Union (EU) politically and morally responsible for the worsening famine. The PFLP accused the EU of being a direct partner in the crime of starvation through its diplomatic cover and "deceptive" political maneuvers. The Front demanded that the EU abandon its blatant bias, calling for bold political action to end the genocidal war, not "hollow speeches."

Hamas affirmed that the deliberate famine is a crime against humanity and a clear reflection of the occupation's failure on all fronts. The movement stated that the resistance continues to confuse the enemy with diverse and surprising tactics, despite the attempt to subjugate the population through starvation. Hamas asserted that after failing to free prisoners by force, the occupation's only path is a deal on the resistance's terms, which must guarantee a complete lifting of the siege and an end to the policy of collective starvation. ☐

Democratic Front commends ICC's refusal to cancel Netanyahu's arrest warrant

The following statement was released on July 18, 2025.

The Democratic Front's Legal Department praises the International Criminal Court's (ICC) refusal to cancel Benjamin Netanyahu's arrest warrant. World countries are called upon to provide protection to the court and its judges and to condemn Israel's obstruction of justice.

The Legal Department of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine welcomed the decision of the Pre-Trial Chamber I of the ICC to reject Israel's request to cancel the arrest warrants issued against Prime Minister Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

The court rejected Israel's claims that the warrants lacked a "valid legal basis" and refused to suspend the investigation into alleged atrocities committed by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territories.

The Democratic Front's Legal Department noted that the court's decision came after the U.S. imposed sanctions on the court and its judges, and despite immense pressure, the court remains committed to its legal procedures.

The department emphasized that the ICC's decision sends a strong message to the U.S., Israel and the world that the court will continue its proceedings, meaning the arrest warrants against Netanyahu and Gallant cannot be dropped as long as the crimes continue and a final judgment has not been issued. The department called on states to provide protection to the court and its judges and to condemn Israeli and U.S. pressure aimed at diverting justice from its course.

The Democratic Front's Legal Department concluded that Israel's repeated appeals and objections to the court's jurisdiction demonstrate its fear of the court's proceedings, particularly given the ongoing genocidal war in Gaza and the West Bank. The department emphasized the need for states to adhere to the Rome Statute [adopted in Italy on July 17, 1993] to provide necessary protection to the court and its judges and to condemn attempts to undermine the court's independence.

The text of the statement can be found in English and French on the website of the Department of Foreign Relations D.F.L.P. at dflp.org/en/.

The statement was slightly edited.

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What is it that the Israeli settler state has lost?

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By John Catalinotto

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ACT NOW

Doctors Without Borders is one of the many organizations protesting the Israeli pariah state's crimes in Gaza. Geneva, Switzerland, June 5, 2025.

In the more than 650 days since the Al-Aqsa Flood (October 7, 2023), a remarkable change has taken place in the consciousness of the most politically active sectors of the population in the United States.

Workers World's readers are fully aware of the horrors of the genocide in Gaza. These horrors are reported graphically in videos even where they are ignored or distorted in the corporate media. They are unbearable and cry out for action to stop them.

In the Global South, consciousness of the reactionary nature of Zionist goals was already strong. What has changed is the consciousness within the imperialist countries in Europe, including in Britain, and in the United States. These changes must be important for Palestine and can be for all humanity.

The U.S. imperialist ruling class has always considered the Israeli settler state its most reliable weapon to impose U.S. domination of the energy resources of West Asia and North Africa.

During the June 1967 and 1973 wars against Syria and Egypt, and continuously after the demise of the monarchy in Iran, the U.S. has offered complete military, economic, diplomatic and propaganda support to the Israeli war machine. The U.S. government also allowed pro-Zionist organizations like the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) to operate without hindrance within the United States.

As a result, the U.S. rulers succeeded in manufacturing popular support for the State of Israel — until October 7, 2023, and the subsequent genocide. With each day of Israel's slaughter in Gaza, the Zionist state loses more popular support in the United States.

Among young people, more and more started becoming activists against the genocide soon after October 7. Starting with youths with ties to West Asia, this movement expanded to include many others. Those who began being horrified by the genocide started to support the Palestinian people's heroic struggle for liberation.

(Readers should be aware that the social democratic leadership of the early movement against the Vietnam War in June 1967 refused to oppose the Israeli six-day war. In 1982, similar leaders of a massive anti-nuclear war rally in Central Park in New York refused to even mention the ongoing Israeli atrocities then occurring in Lebanon. The first and only national mass demonstration that invited a Palestinian speaker was at the March on the Pentagon on May 3, 1981, where Workers World Party played a leading role.)

Today's youth refuse to be complicit

Today's youth soon realized that the U.S. government — and that includes the Democratic and Republican establishment along with the Trump MAGA movement — is also guilty of the genocide in Gaza. The youth refuse to be complicit.

A large section of Jewish students and youths started in 2023 to protest the mass killing of civilians in Gaza. By 2025, many of them were calling for the liberation of Palestine.

The government, the police and university administrators repressed the activists who sympathized with Palestine, falsely accusing them of "antisemitism." In response, those same activists began to turn against the leaders of these institutions.

Like South Africa before the legal end of apartheid in the 1990s, Israel is now considered a settler-colonial state, a state of genocide, a pariah state. In the U.S., people demonstrate every day against the Zionist state.

In Britain, the rulers are so frightened they have outlawed the group Palestine Action, which has held mass, dramatic, direct actions and are arresting its supporters. Palestine Action continues the fight. Stadiums cheer for athletes and musical performers wearing and waving the Palestinian flag. Greek workers have refused to load weapons for Israel at ports.

Organizations that identify with the struggle for socialism must continue to find ways to stop the repression and expand the struggle to aid the people of Gaza and aid the liberation of Palestine. Achieve this, and we will have delivered a telling blow to Israel's war of aggression and genocide.

As we engage in acts of solidarity, we should realize the following: Many people have changed their lives to stop the genocide in Gaza. It is a moment when their activism can turn into an understanding of the need to rid the world of imperialism and capitalism and to commit to a fight for a world of equality, to open a path to socialism and peace.

First let us build a world movement to assist the liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea! ☐

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Lynching of Palestinian U.S. citizen exposes Washington hypocrisy

There are no limits to the hypocrisy of U.S. imperialism.

This has been demonstrated once again by the failure of the U.S. government to investigate the lynching of 20-year-old Sayfollah Musallet. A U.S. citizen of Palestinian descent, Musallet was beaten to death on July 17 near Sinjil in the Israeli-occupied West Bank by masked Zionist settlers while he attempted to protect his family's farm from them. Israel Occupation Forces blocked ambulances from reaching Musallet for three hours; he died on the way to the hospital.

Musallet is the fifth U.S. citizen killed in the West Bank by fascist Israeli settlers or the IOF since October 7, 2023. The others are Palestinian Americans Tawfic Abdel-Jabbar and Mohammed Khdour, World Central Kitchen worker Jacob Flickinger and Turkish American Ayşenur Eygi. The Justice Department has taken no meaningful action in their cases.

Last year Eygi's father, Mehmet Suat Eygi, asked: "What is the reason for this double standard? We do not know. Is it because Ayşenur had dual citizenship? Or is it that the criminal, the country that is corresponding to this crime, is Israel?" (Oregon Public Broadcasting, Oct. 17, 2024.)

This contrasts sharply with the attention paid to the roughly 40 U.S. citizens among those taken prisoner or killed during the Al-Aqsa Flood. In November 2023, then-U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland made it clear that the U.S. Justice Department would take action on their behalf. Garland announced charges against six Hamas leaders, saying, "We are actively investigating the deaths of the Americans using all the tools available to us." (NPR, Oct. 13, 2024)

Current Attorney General Pamela Bondi has not taken any action thus far on behalf of Musallet or any of the Palestinian Americans killed in Palestine by Zionists. Democrats and Republicans have demonstrated the same inaction.

The U.S. has a long history of feigning concern for its own citizens when it suits its imperialist interests. In 1983, under U.S. President Ronald Reagan, the Pentagon invaded the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada, citing the need to protect U.S. medical students studying there. The true motivation for the U.S. invasion was to seize control of Grenada, whose government had been anti-imperialist and had a socialist orientation.

Likewise the 1989 U.S. invasion of Panamá, misnamed "Operation Just Cause," had "to safeguard the lives of Americans" as one of its "objectives." This was after just one member of the Marine Corps was killed and another wounded. (gao.gov)

"The U.S. invading forces destroyed 20,000 homes and killed hundreds of innocent Panamanians, dumping bodies into mass graves," according to the North American Congress on Latin America. (Sept. 4, 2024)

Yet nothing is being done to protect Palestinians and solidarity activists who visit Palestine!

This is outrageous, but it should surprise no one in the anti-imperialist movement. The capitalist state carries out wars that serve their class interests. It won't support even its own citizens when they are killed by forces like the Zionists, who are tools of imperialism.

That's the class basis of the very glaring hypocrisy we are looking at. Workers World declares: "Palestinian lives matter!" ☐

Vigil for Sayfullah Musallet, Tampa, Florida, July 19, 2025.

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editorial

Lo que el centro de Texas y Gaza tienen en común

Desde que se produjeron las inundaciones repentinas durante el fin de semana del 4 de julio en el centro de Texas, el recuento oficial de muertos es de 129 personas, entre ellas 36 niños. La mayoría de las muertes se produjeron en el condado de Kerr, no lejos de San Antonio, a lo largo del río Guadalupe, que desemboca en el Golfo de México.

Muchas personas estaban dormidas antes de que les llegara alguna de las limitadas alertas de la gestión de emergencias del condado de Kerr. Para entonces ya era demasiado tarde para escapar de las aguas que subieron seis metros en dos horas en algunas zonas. No se tomaron medidas que realmente pudieran ayudar a evacuar a muchos residentes de donde vivían. A muchos observadores les recordó lo que ocurrió con las víctimas del huracán Katrina hace casi 20 años en Nueva Orleans.

Hubo poca o ninguna coordinación entre las agencias de emergencia locales y nacionales debido a los despidos dentro de la Agencia Federal de Gestión de Emergencias por parte del Departamento de Eficiencia Gubernamental (DOGE) dirigido por Elon Musk bajo la administración Trump. Cuando Trump se atrevió a mostrar su nauseabundo rostro durante una reciente visita a Texas, tuvo el descaro de decir que las inundaciones eran «un acto de Dios».

En realidad, estas devastadoras inundaciones fueron un acto del cambio climático, enraizado en la codicia del capitalismo global por obtener beneficios a costa del planeta.

El número de muertos causado por estas inundaciones en 10 días sigue siendo inferior al número de palestinos asesinados, incluidos niños, casi a diario por la Fuerza de Ocupación israelí respaldada por Estados Unidos. Según un informe del Ministerio de Sanidad palestino en Gaza del 13 de julio, unos 139 gazatíes murieron en un periodo de 24 horas. Esto elevó la cifra oficial total de muertos desde el 7 de octubre de 2023 a más de 58.000 gazatíes asesinados por el régimen sionista asesino. Y este recuento de muertos -que según algunos estudios es muchas veces superior a las estimaciones del Ministerio de Sanidad- crece cada día.

La conclusión es que tanto si se trata del número de muertos en el centro de Texas en las últimas dos semanas como en Gaza en los últimos 21 meses, la causa fundamental es el mismo sistema: el imperialismo, que es el capitalismo dentro y fuera del país.

Los gazatíes hambrientos se arriesgan a que les disparen los ocupantes israelíes mientras buscan comida.

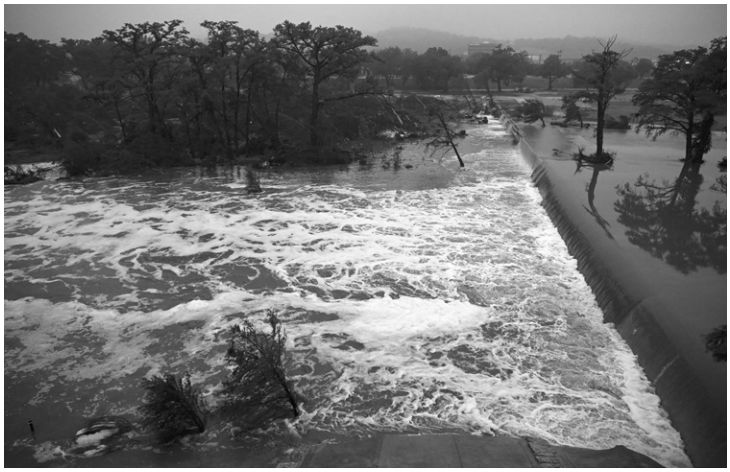
El sistema económico capitalista, ante todo, siempre ha antepuesto los beneficios a la satisfacción de las necesidades de los seres humanos, sin importar las fronteras. La clase capitalista de multimillonarios se ve impulsada a aumentar sus beneficios mediante la guerra y la explotación, aunque se pierdan las vidas de la clase trabajadora.

En lo que respecta al afán de lucro, no existe ninguna distinción fundamental a los ojos de la clase dominante entre las vidas de los palestinos o de la gente corriente del centro de Texas; sólo difieren los lugares y las circunstancias.

Piense en el hecho de que 20 bomberos mexicanos cruzaran la frontera para ayudar a rescatar a la gente de las inundaciones de Texas. Tenían pocos recursos y podrían haberse enfrentado al arresto y detención por parte del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas.

Compare la solidaridad de México con el presupuesto federal estadounidense de 7 billones de dólares que prioriza la guerra sobre las necesidades de los trabajadores.

El capitalismo es un sistema despiadado, depredador y opresor que debe ser y será desarraigado para salvar a toda la humanidad, desde la Palestina ocupada hasta el centro de Texas. ☐



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